Date: <u>February</u>

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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s):

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NOTE:

Patent must be applied for in the name of all

of the actual inventor or inventors.

"PLANT FOR UNLOADING STACKS OF THERMOFORMED OBJECTS FROM A

RECEIVING CAGE TO A REMOVING CONVEYOR"

Enclosed are:

The Papers Required For Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

 $\underline{4}$ Pages of specification $\underline{1}$ Page of abstract $\underline{2}$ Pages of claims

<u>2</u> Sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-6)

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[] informal

[X] In addition to the above papers there is also attached

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Check for filing fee in the amount of \$370.00

Declaration/Power of Attorney (4 pages)

Associate Power of Attorney (1 page)

Claim to Priority (1 page)

Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status

(Independent Inventor) (1 page)

Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status

(Small Business Concern) (1 page)
Assignment Cover Sheet (1 page), Assignment document (3 pages),

and Check for \$40.00

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as enclosed. therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an Express Mail envelope with sufficient postage for Express Mailing on this date February 14, 2002 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number <u>EL896635605US</u> addressed to the:

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2. Declaration or h

[X] Enclosed

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executed by:

- [X] inventor(s)
- [] legal representative of inventor(s) 37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43
- [] joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached. 37 CFR 1.47.
 - [] petition and statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 also attached. See item 7 below for fee.

[] Not Enclosed

- [] Application is made by a person authorized under 37 CFR 1.41(c) on behalf of all of the above named inventor(s). The declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.16(e) can be filed subsequently.
- [] Showing that the filing is authorized. (Not required unless called into question. 37 CFR 1.41(d)).

NOTE: Where the filing is a completion in the U.S. of an international application under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) then the declaration <u>must</u> be filed.

3. Assignment

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[X] An assignment of the invention to ISAP OMV GROUP SPA (with separate cover sheet and separate check for \$40.00)

4. Certified Copy

[] Certified copy of <u>Application No.</u>
from which priority is claimed.

NOTE: Must be referred to in oath or declaration. 37 CFR 1.55 and 163.

5. Fee Calculation

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- [] Amendment deleting multiple dependencies enclosed
- [] Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time

NOTE: If the fee for extra claims are not paid on filing they must be paid or the claims canceled by amendment, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the Patent and Trademark Office in any notice of fee deficiency, 37 CFR 1.16(d).

Filing Fee Calculation \$ 740.00

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7. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time

- [] Not Enclosed
- [] No filing fee is submitted. This and the surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.

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[] recording assignment (\$40.00; 37 CFR 1.21(h)(i))

[] petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached. 37 CFR 1.47 and 1.17 (h)

> Total fees enclosed 370.00

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8. Method of Payment of Fees

- [X] check in the amount of \$ 370.00
- [] charge account No. $\underline{12-0415}$ in the amount of \$ A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

Fees should be itemized is such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 CFR 1.22(b).

9. Authorization to Charge Additional fees

- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required to Account No. 12-0415:
 - [X] 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees and presentation of extra claims)
 - [X] 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)
 - [] 37 CFR 1.18 (issue fee at or before Mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b))

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application...prior to paying... issue fee".

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CLAIM TO PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119

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[X] Applicants hereby make a right of priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119 for the benefit of the filing date(s) of the following corresponding foreign application(s):

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- [] A certified copy of each of the above-noted patent applications was filed with the Parent Application No.______.
- [] To support applicants' claim, a certified copy of the aboveidentified foreign patent application is enclosed herewith.
- [X] The priority documents will be forwarded to the Patent Office when required or prior to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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